

STATE OF MONTANA PLUMBING LICENSING INFORMATION

Contact Information

Current application, Rules and Statutes can be located at:

www.plumber.mt.gov

or write:

Montana Board of Plumbers

P.O. Box 200513
Helena, Montana 59620
406.841.2367

To obtain the current Uniform Plumbing Code book, please contact:

IAPMO
800.854.2766

Eligibility and Exam Registration

Eligibility to take a license qualification examination is determined by the Board of Plumbers in accordance with ARM 24.180.404. Journeyman applicants must provide a specific record of 5 years' experience, legally obtained, in the field of plumbing, or completion of an apprenticeship program meeting the standards set by the Department of Labor and Industry, or the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship.

Master applicants must provide evidence of 4 years' experience as a licensed journeyman plumber in the field of plumbing, with 3 years' experience working with a licensed master plumber or in a supervisory capacity in the field of plumbing, which may run concurrently with the 4 years' experience as a licensed journeyman plumber.

Application and Fees

Your application for licensure and a **\$95.00** examination fee must be submitted to the Board of Plumbers. If you are approved to take the examination, you will receive an approval letter. Once an application has been approved, the examination fee must be received no later than 15 days prior to the scheduled examination for which you were approved to sit.

Examination Dates and Deadlines

| Application Deadline | Exam Fee Deadline | Exam Dates |
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| Nov 23, 2005 | Mar 17, 2006 | Mar 4, 2006 |
| Feb 23, 2006 | May 19, 2006 | June 3, 2006 |
| May 25, 2006 | Aug 25, 2006 | Sept 9, 2006 |
| Aug 23, 2006 | Nov 17, 2006 | Dec 2, 2006 |

Admission to the Examination

The Board of Plumbers will send an approval letter to each candidate whose application has been approved. The approval letter will show the name of the candidate, specific date, time and location of the examination. No walk-in applicants will be admitted.

Those candidates not appearing for their first scheduled examination may have their examination fee apply towards the next examination. However, if the applicant fails to take the next examination, their fee shall be forfeited and application for any subsequent examination will require another examination fee.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Board of Plumbers complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. To ensure equal opportunity for all qualified persons, the Board will make reasonable accommodations for candidates having disabilities that might affect their taking the licensing examination.

Please contact the board office to request accommodations.

Journeyman Examination Description

1. Multiple choice questions*
2. Grease Trap exercise
3. Drawing exercise
4. Offset Math exercise
5. Copper project
6. DWV assembly
7. PVC exercise

*Multiple choice questions are based on the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code book as amended and the Statutes and Rules Relating to the Board of Plumbers and Building Codes. The exam is not timed, and is not open book.

Master Examination Description

1. Multiple choice questions*
2. Grease Trap exercise
3. Drawing exercise
4. Offset Math exercise

*Multiple choice questions are based on the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code book as amended and the Statutes and Rules Relating to the Board of Plumbers. The examination is 6 hours, and is open book. Candidates must bring their own code book. Code books **WILL NOT** be provided at the examination.

Failed Examinations

Any applicant for the journeyman's or master's license who shall sit for and fail the examination two consecutive times will not be allowed to sit for the examination for a period of one year commencing with the date of the last examination that he or she failed. After one year, the applicant shall submit a notarized statement from an individual acceptable to the board, which attests to 20 hours of additional training acceptable to the Board before the applicant will be approved to again take the examination, in accordance with ARM 24.180.407.

Examination Review

Examination papers may be reviewed in the board office for a period of 60 days immediately following the examination date only. The review is limited to 1 hour, and is unassisted. Note taking will be allowed during the time of review,

but the notes must be left in the board office. Questions on the review must be submitted in writing for response by the board, in accordance with ARM 24.180.407.

What to Bring to the Exam

Candidates must bring photo identification with their approval letter. It is recommended that journeyman candidates bring a tape measure and gloves. **ONLY** the Master exam is open book. Master candidates must bring the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code book. Code books **WILL NOT** be provided at the exam site. Code books will be inspected prior to the examination to ensure they are not tabbed. Code books will also be inspected after the examination to ensure examination information was not written in the book. If it is determined that the code book is not authorized in the examination, the department **WILL NOT** provide a new code book. Any additional materials will not be allowed on site.

What is Provided at the Exam

A Drain, Waste and Vent (DWV) sizing calculator, ruler and hand held calculator will be provided at the exam site. A packet containing the Statutes and Rules for the Board of Plumbers and Building Codes will be provided for the Master examination only.

Exam Results

A minimum score of 70% is required to pass the examination.

Your results letter will be mailed to your preferred mailing address as indicated on your application within two weeks after your examination date. Please do not call the board office to obtain your score, as it will not be given out over the telephone.